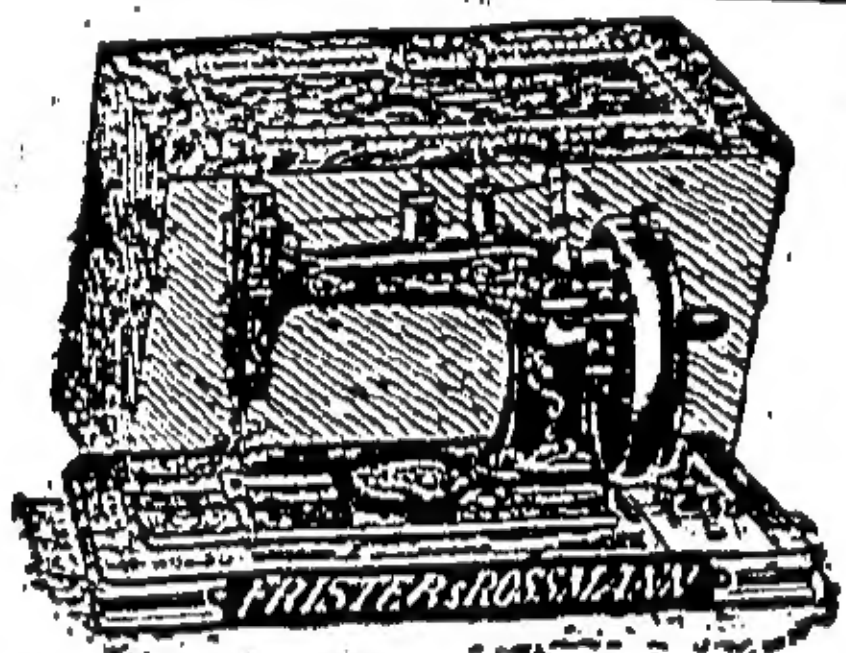


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Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Silks & Embroi-
deries at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales
Rooms.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 18—

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, &c. at 'Jan Mor,' Peak Road.
9 p.m.—Performance of Bandmann's
Co., at City Hall.

SATURDAY, March 19—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island
Committee Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
Noon—Meeting of Geo. Farwick & Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Office.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank
of China, Ltd. at Bank Office.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of High-class Jewe-
lry at Messrs Hughes & Hough's
Sales Rooms.

THURSDAY, March 24—

11 a.m.—Meeting of the China Sugar
Refining Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co.'s Office.
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Luzon Sugar
Refining Co., Ltd. at Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1910.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

HONGKONG is still anxiously waiting for information of the Government's plans regarding the erection of a wireless telegraphic station for the use of the general public. The matter seems to be being up somewhere between the Colonial Office and the Admiralty, all the devices ways of circumlocution evidently being followed so as to delay an answer as long as possible. It is an annoying and aggravating situation for such a Colony as Hongkong to face, but only similar to many which have occurred often before during our short history. Meanwhile to pass away the time until an answer is graciously forthcoming we must be content with reading how less important shipping centres are equipping themselves, as much in the interests of commerce as from the laudable desire to be thoroughly abreast of the times.

Wireless telegraphy first became a possible adjunct to the amenities of commercial communication when the application of the Hertzian waves to ordinary telegraphy was made in 1897. Guglielmo Marconi was the first to perceive what possibilities the new line of thought opened up. After experimenting on his father's farm near Bologna he went over to England and saw Sir William Preece, who soon became keenly interested in the plans of the young Italian. Marconi's first experiments in England took place in the General Post Office building, under the supervision of Sir William Preece. These having proved successful, they were given a more critical test on Salisbury Plain, with a clear distance of two miles between the sending and the receiving stations. Gradually, the distance between instruments was increased, until Marconi could transmit messages with ease at almost nine miles. It was now observed for the first time that any intervening object would stop the transmission of vibration, and the instruments were rendered correspondingly useless. Marconi also found that the distance a message could be sent by his apparatus, bore a certain relation to the

height of the vertical conduction. By the time these results had been satisfactorily demonstrated, experimenters in wireless telegraphy were heralding almost every week some new achievement. In 1899, it was demonstrated that wireless messages could be sent from captive balloons. In October of that year messages were exchanged between the cruiser New York and the battleship Massachusetts, over an intervening distance of twenty-five miles. In the month of March, 1900, the Marconi system was adopted by the Norddeutscher Lloyd Steamship Company. There is hardly a line crossing the Atlantic to-day that does not carry a wireless outfit of some efficiency, while all the big ships on the Pacific and several liners travelling via Suez to the Far East are also fully equipped. In the report of the United States Navy Board, reference is made to a very important point in regard to aerial telegraphy, "When," says the report, "live transmitters are sending at the same time, all the receiving wires within range receive the impulses, and the tapes though unreadable, show unmistakably that such double sending is taking place. Moreover although he started to the board before these attempts were made, that he could prevent interference, never explained how nor made any attempt to demonstrate that it could be done."

This criticism, as Mr. William Maxwell points out, goes to the root of one of the weak points of wireless telegraphy. A great deal has been made of the possibility, by sympathy, of so "tuning" the transmitter to the receiver as to render a message going from one to the other not only illegible to a receiver not tuned to the proper pitch or key, but inappreciable thereto. In other words, it is possible to send a signal in such a way that all receivers not specially tuned to the sending instrument shall be, as we may say, deaf thereto. Up to the present, comparatively little has been done along this line.

In 1903 wireless messages were first sent across the Atlantic by Marconi. Since Marconi's death, the way, others have followed in his path, with modifications more or less profound of his apparatus and methods. One of the first of these was Professor Ferdinand Braun, of Strasburg. He had early come to the conclusion that the Hertzian waves penetrate the earth and water, and spread out thereon on every side, just as they do in the air. His invention, now carried to a fair degree of efficiency, differs from other wireless systems, in that it is the earth that is used as a conductor. It differs from its rivals also in its simplicity. It does not employ induction coils, coherers, high magnets, and the like, of which we hear so much in connection with other methods. The Lodge-McNair system is another one that does away with wires. Its full capabilities are yet to be tested by practical experience. Its portability and its cheapness are two strong points in its favour. It remains to give a brief description of another system of aerial telegraphy, the inventor whereof is an American. It is that of Dr. Lee De Forest, whose methods of transmission obtained such widespread recognition at the time of the Russo-Japanese war. The De Forest apparatus has a "responder," a device by which he replaces the "coherer" of other methods. The De Forest method has found great favour in military circles because of its simplicity and portability, its ability to be worked under any or all conditions, and its general reliability.

Already the intrusive amateur has begun to make his presence felt in wireless telegraphy and is causing a good deal of inconvenience by interfering with serious messages, especially on the Atlantic seaboard of the United States. The nuisance has become so acute that a bill has been introduced into Congress for setting up a Board of Control which shall regulate certain hours of the day when official messages shall alone be sent, other hours being set apart for commercial messages, and a certain specified time allotted for amateurs pure and simple.

The Japan Daily Mail publishes the following communication from the Japanese Foreign Office:—With reference to the disturbance caused by some 300 Chinese soldiers at Soochow on February 2, and their acts of violence toward four Japanese stores, the Japanese Consul lodged a protest, and the result was that the Taoist repaired in person to the Consulate and paid a sum of ¥8,000 by way of compensation, at the same time stating that the officer commanding the troops had been cashiered. The matter is therefore settled.

The directors of the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited, report that during 1909, 6 per cent. Debentures to the amount of £180,000 have been issued, the Company's total liability for Debentures at 31st December, 1909, standing at £1,000,000. After payment of an Interim Dividend of £1.3 per share on 17th August last, the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to £173,921.85, out of which is proposed to pay a final dividend of £1.4 per share, thus absorbing £144,000, to place £1,200,000 to credit of Reserve Account, and to carry forward £1,921.85.

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DEATH OF MR. J. D. CHRISTIE.

The many friends of Mr. James D. Christie, chief engineer of the s.s. Fatahan, will regret to learn of his death which took place at the Government Civil Hospital on Monday. The late Mr. Christie was admitted into hospital on Saturday suffering from a liver complaint but it was not expected that the end was so near. He was for over 35 years in the employ of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, being one of their oldest servants, and was well-known, having also been chief engineer of the ill-fated s.s. Hankow which was burned. Deceased, who was about 60 years of age, leaves a widow and children at home to mourn his loss. The funeral took place this evening.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The American Legation at Dogota has been stoned by a mob.

The Prince of Wales trip to South Africa will cost the country £43,000.

The execution of An, who assassinated Prince Ito, will probably take place on March 28.

Old Age Pensions will absorb £9,220,000 of the British revenue this year. Last year the figure was £8,750,000.

It is announced that the whole of the flotilla allotted to the China Squadron is to be recommissioned at intervals of two years.

From the 1st of March the tariff on press messages between the Straits and Great Britain was reduced from 55 cents to 53 cents per word.

Shanghai churchmen, in response to the Rev. Cyril Bickersteth's appeal, have subscribed over \$1,000 to the funds of the Methodist Community for training work.

Mr. John Whyman, who has died at Greeton, near Kettering, at the age of ninety-nine, had lived in the same village all his life. During his life he was only once in a railway train.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—B. E. T., \$20.

The Yuchuapua has telegraphed to the Canton Railway Company, directing it to submit statements of account for the expenditure of over £15,000,000 incurred by the Company last year. It has also ordered that April 29 should be fixed as the limit for paying up the second call on the railway shares.

The Admiralty scheme instituted a year ago for the use of dogs in naval establishments ashore has been a success. Recently further orders were placed with Major Richardson, the well-known breeder of bloodhounds, and pioneer of the new scheme, for the supply of dogs for additional stations. Some twelve to fifteen stations within the British Isles have at present been supplied.

Dr. Morrison, who is on a journey across Central Asia, in a second letter from Sianfu, dated January 31, declares that he passes every day a train of opium carts under official protection with armed escort. Even prior to this, he adds, supply opium and opium pipes, exemplifying the degradation of the Buddhist faith. Dr. Morrison's travelling has been pleasant, but unsatisfactory.

A Washington telegram printed in Manila papers declares that the American Federation of Labour, of which Samuel Gompers is the head, in conjunction with other labour organizations of the United States is planning a general strike that shall include the workmen of all grades and guilds in the country. The movement is a form of protest against the high price of foodstuffs and the general unrest felt over present economic conditions.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Manila is planning to give a rousing reception to the second party of American tourists brought to the Far East by the Cleveland.

Six men are in custody in Manila for smuggling opium into the Philippines while working on the steamer Kamek. Four are Filipinos and two Chinese.

The German Emperor has ordered that as many officers as possible shall learn aeroplaning. It is expected that a flying corps will soon be attached to every regiment.

It has been decided that the Prince of Wales will visit the standard on the Union Castle liner Dalmanor Castle, which will be commissioned as His Majesty's ship, for the visit to South Africa.

The Hamburg-American line is ordering two liners, one of 45,000 tons, and the other of 50,000 tons. They will have a length of 800 ft, with a speed of 21 knots. The Walcker yards are constructing special ships to build the vessels.

A native was fined \$25 by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's court, for boarding the s.s. Rial while under way. For being in possession of \$353 of opium a No. 17 Tung Street a native was fined \$500 at the Magistrate's court.

A voluntary service for Roman Catholic soldiers is to be held at St. Joseph's Church, at 9 a.m. on Thursday the 17th inst., on the occasion of the Feast of St. Patrick. A special service is also to be held on Saturday at 9 a.m.

On Monday, Messrs. Lung Kam and Wong Lun Sang purchased at the P.W.D. certain pier rights for one year, being the right to erect a temporary pier on a site opposite Soy Street, Mong Kok Tsi, Kowloon. The spot price was \$160, and the purchaser gave \$200.

Messrs. Hughes and Hough on Monday sold by public auction, lots Nos. 20 and 21, Kennedy Town, and registered in the Land Office as Marine lot 265, to Mr. Choy Shui Woon, for \$12,100. Lots 454, 455, 458, 460, and 461, Des Voeux Road West, registered as sections A, B, C, D, and E of Marine lot 126, realised \$59,500. Mr. Choy Shui Woon was again the purchaser.

By kind permission of Col. Prior and the officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel during dinner, on Thursday:—Quick March "Ereani" Verdi Overture "Dante Valentin" Suppe Valse "See Saw" A. G. C. Chivie Fantasia "In the Cathedral" H. King Polonaise "Packing" E. King Galop "Round Oak" Handel GOD SAVE THE KING.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The bans are published of the marriages between Miss E. G. Hatt and Mr. C. E. H. Beavis and Miss A. O. Chisham and Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

Mr. W. H. Lever, of soap fame, has given to Liverpool University the £91,000 damages he obtained in recent actions for libel against certain newspapers, with regard to the alleged soap trust.

The Corporation of the City of London has decided to present ex-President Roosevelt with the freedom of the city when he arrives and to give a banquet at the Mansion House in his honour.

According to a telegram printed by the Singapore Free Press, Sir Gibbs has successfully scaled one peak of Mount Kinabalu, the loftiest mountain in Borneo. Mr. D. R. Maxwell, District Officer, was successful in ascending two peaks.

The Grand Council, says a Chinese telegram, has sent a telegram to Sir Robert Hart, urging him to return to Peking next month to assist the Government in re-organizing Customs affairs in the abolition of Hikan and in joining the Postal Union.

The members of the Stock Exchange of Hongkong have presented their retiring Chairman, Mr. J. Y. Vernon, with a cheque for £50, with which to purchase a small token of their sincere goodwill and regret at his departure. Mr. Vernon, who is retiring from the Far East for good, leaves for England on the Atsuta Maru on Wednesday.

Shanghai newspapers announce the death of Dr. Daumiller, the German Consul at Harbin, from heart failure. Death took place in the German Hospital, Peking. The deceased since he entered the Consular service in 1907 has been stationed at Shanghai, Chefoo, Swatow, Tientsin and Harbin, and was much liked socially and in official circles. He was not married.

Mr. E. W. Clements, Assistant Marine Superintendent, China Merchants Steam Navigation Co., arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai by the s.s. Atsuta Maru. Here he tranships to an Australian steamer. After a brief visit to Sydney, he will travel to Vancouver and visit various parts of Canada and the United States before going to his ultimate destination, Scotland.

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NORTH GERMAN LLOYD REPORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, March 14.

A telegram from Berlin, states that the annual report of the North German Lloyd shows gross profits amounting to 32,899,000 marks. No dividend is recommended.

BIG FISHERY DISASTER IN JAPAN.

ONE HUNDRED FISHING-BOATS MISSING.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, March 15.

Owing to a tremendous snowstorm about one hundred fishing boats with 600 men on board are missing off the coast coast of Japan near Tokyo. Warships from Yokosuka have been sent out to search for the missing vessels.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

A NATIONALIST PARTY FORMED.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, March 14.

A big nationalist party has been formed, the ceremony of its formation being observed yesterday.

DALAI LAMA VISITS INDIAN VICEROY.

GIFT OF A SILK SCARF.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, March 15.

Reuter's Calcutta correspondent wires that the Dalai Lama paid an impressive state visit on the Viceroy. He drove to Government House, being escorted by a guard drawn from the Bengal Cavalry, and presented the Earl of Minto with a silk scarf. Later the Viceroy returned the visit in full state.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY.

MAINTAINING THE TWO-POWER STANDARD.

15 Dreadnaughts to be Constructed.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, March 15.

The Right Hon. Mr. Reginald McKenna, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, in introducing the Navy Estimates, said nothing but the impetuous necessity of safeguarding Britain's security could justify the amount proposed to be spent, which he hoped to be able to show was neither excessive nor insufficient.

The five battleships for which provision was made in the new programme would be completed by January 1914, while absolute superiority in Dreadnaughts would be secured by March 1915. The Two-Power standard would be maintained.

With the Australian and New Zealand battleships there would be 15 vessels of the Dreadnaught type being constructed simultaneously. This should remove the impression that Britain was falling behind in her power of construction.

He was unable to hold out the hope that the future would witness a decline in expenses.

A motion has been laid on the table of the House of Lords by Lord Rosebery declaring that a strong effective Chamber is not merely an integral part of the Constitution, but is necessary to the well-being of the State and to the balance of Parliament. Such a Chamber, continues the motion, can be best obtained by the reform of the House of Lords.

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RUSSIA AND ALIEN LABOUR.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
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A scheme is in contemplation committee of the Russian F Department to levy special tax on Chinese and Koreans resident in territories and to empower the Viceroy of the Amur to prohibit labourers taking part in Russian manual works.

CHINESE VISITORS JAPAN.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, March 15.

A Chinese tourist party Japan has been organized by members of the Peking Jips Tung-sam-sha Yai-pao, who obtained the permission of the Government of Manchuria.

THE IKOMA SA.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)
Tokyo, March 15.

The Japanese cruiser Ik is to visit the Argentine on its last Yokosuka on the of her voyage.

THE CANTON TRI.

VICEROY'S ACTION INVESTIGATED.

(Wah Tei Yat Pao's Service to the China Mail.)
Peking, March 15.

As much dissatisfaction caused by Viceroy Yuen disturbing the troops Western methods, after the on New Year's Day, the Viceroy has deputed an officer investigations into the matter.

THE SLAUGHTERING AT KOWLO.

At the meeting of the (this afternoon) corresponded relative to the pigs in Kowloon.

Hon. Mr. A. W. Brewin in favour of no pork being sold in Kowloon City was slaughtered in the Governor house but would leave the Kowloon to do what they

THE AMERICAN.

The huge Hamburg Cleveland, with a big party of tourists on board, arrived the early hours of this morning at 10.00 on the

a party of 100 were taken and conveyed to the Hotel and Macao Steamboat Co. where they boarded the steamer for Canton at 6 a.m. later another batch of 100, the Fatahan, also for Canton, the statement which appeared the effect that, because of the Viceroy to ensure the from visitors they would on the City of Kowloon stay here.

The visitors were early in morning, and moving about in detachments, attracted a good many all the while with the seemed to be greatly disappointed in Hongkong, the appearance and stately but were quite beyond what anticipated seeing. In a way they traversed the whole of the town in sections, while not a few were shown to the joy of the who were bent on making hay while the sun shone. Others went on foot, and did the round of the shops, the purchase of curios and the visit while they rode up the Peak.

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COMPANY MEETING.

The China-Borneo Co., Ltd.

The seventh ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China-Borneo Company, Ltd., was held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, at noon today. Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, president, and there were also present:—Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Messrs J. A. Jupp, T. E. Pearce, W. D. Jupp (local manager), W. E. Wickham, M. A. O. Baptista, A. O. Lang, A. H. M. de Silva, W. A. Dowley, C. F. Carvalho, and W. G. Darby, general manager.

The General Manager having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The reports and accounts have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, we will take them as read. I much regret that the results of the year's working are not more favourable. The falling off in revenue is due almost entirely to want of local orders for sawn wood, and for some months now we have been unable to keep our saw mills fully employed. Another unfavourable feature in the accounts is the very heavy but unavoidable item of exchange.

All our expenditure in Borneo is incurred in Singapore currency while the greater part of our output of timber is disposed of in China, and the amount of \$448,980.00 represents the cost incurred during the year of laying down funds in Borneo to meet current disbursements there. In the existing circumstances I cannot hold out any hope that this charge is likely to decrease, though we are doing our best, and with some success, to introduce our woods in other markets where they are not subject to the fluctuations of exchange.

Our shipments to such markets during last year came to over 75,000 cubic feet. With a view to our extending such shipments we took advantage of an opportunity which presented itself last year to open an office of our own in London and Mr. J. Whalley, our late General Manager, has been appointed our agent there. Our total output of timber continues to increase and we are in a good position to take advantage of any improvement in trade.

The various assets of the Company have all been well kept up during the past year and are in good order and condition, but you must bear in mind that most of our property is held in Borneo and is of a kind which is subject to the influences of a tropical climate.

Our policy, therefore, of continuing to open up new assets as possible in one which I trust will command itself to you. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved, and Mr. Pearce seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts. The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, was on the motion of Mr. J. A. Jupp, seconded by Mr. Dowley, re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Pearce moved and Mr. Wickham seconded that Mr. W. H. Pearce be reappointed auditor.—Carried.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. We had an application for a new rat proof house.

RAT PROOF HOUSES.

The committee appointed to deal with the question of the removal of ceilings and stair-linings reported at a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon that they agreed to delete the words in Section 1 of their report after the words "in these premises," "the houses will be declared as unfit for human habitation until they are made thoroughly rat proof," and to substitute therefore the following:—"The question of closing these houses as unfit for human habitation until they are rendered rat proof will be referred to the Board for its decision."

The committee was of opinion that a warning of that kind would tend to make owners gradually remove lath and plaster walls when repairs were being undertaken on their premises.

Mr. A. Shelton Hooper moved—Strike out all about making the house rat proof.

Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown—It would not be fair to house owners to issue such a warning unless we proposed to act on it and I am not prepared to recommend we should do so.

A PERJURY CHARGE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's this afternoon a native was charged with committing perjury while a witness in a case.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. Elms defended.

Mr. Bowley said the charge arose out of the death of a man named Kwan Chai Shu, who was a person of considerable property and lived at Kankong in the West River district. He died some time ago and proceedings were pending in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in relation to the division of the estate. Defendant was present at the death and funeral of deceased, being a relation and after that he and a younger brother with two other men came to Hongkong and went to the house of the younger brother at 69 Des Voeux Road Central where they stayed for some days.

In December proceedings were commenced against the younger brother on the complaint of the Registrar, Mr. Kemp, charging him with the forgery of a will. In these proceedings defendant was the most prominent witness and the whole of the case turned upon his evidence, he being literally the prosecutor in the case.

He related the facts up to the time they reached Hongkong and stated that on the Saturday morning they went to the office of Mr. F. X. D'Almeida a Castro and asked him to obtain probate of a will having previously had some conversation with regard to it and having made a fair copy, the only trouble being the name of the testator, but this was subsequently got over by their finding a man on which deceased had written an order and which he had signed. This signature cannot said was copied and afterwards forged to the document. In the proceedings against the younger brother Mr. D'Almeida gave evidence on which the learned Chief Justice directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. It was a serious charge and might have been the means of leading the younger brother in prison.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

THE REGATTA.

The postponed Hongkong Regatta has been fixed for Easter Saturday, March 26. The races commence at 1 p.m. instead of noon, with the exception of the sailing and motor events, which remain unaltered. This will make a difference of about half an hour in the times of the events. In the Nathan Challenge cup the Civil Service crew has scratched as F. A. Biden leaves on Friday.

CLAIMS ON FOUR WRITS.

In the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Goss, four cases were mentioned in which Mr. Alex. Almaroff, of the Salon Cinematograph, was the defendant. The writs covered amounts totalling between \$700 and \$800.

Mr. J. H. Gardner, who was for one of the plaintiffs, said he understood Mr. D'Almeida was willing to consent to judgment.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida said there were four cases altogether. His Lordship some time ago made an order that Mr. Howell was to receive for the creditors all the door money taken at the Cinematograph, and since then he had been receiving that money.

Mr. Gardner said that was the first he had heard of his friend consenting to judgment, and he had come prepared to fight the case out.

Mr. Gardner stated that he was quite willing to go with the other creditors. If they would go he would, but they must all do so or he could not.

His Lordship—This is a matter which had better be arranged.

Mr. Harris—It must be arranged, my Lord. These are only a small portion of the claims.

Mr. D'Almeida—That is so, my Lord, and I understand that Mr. Howell is calling a meeting of the creditors.

Mr. Crowther Smith appeared for another plaintiff who had several writs.

Eventually his Lordship entered judgment for all the plaintiffs, with a stay of execution sine die.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE IRRESPONSIBLE FINDINGS OF A MILESTONE INSPECTOR.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—One early Sunday morning while passing the Cathedral I noticed the parade service was about to commence, so I ventured in. I was rewarded by hearing a most excellent address delivered by the Bishop of the diocese. His words were eloquent and well chosen must have struck and impressed his hearers. Unfortunately, in my humble opinion, his definition of one word, on which the whole of his discourse was built, was faulty and so I am afraid that the account of the full benefits of education which he gave was faulty.

Way I was convinced of the importance of fully defining the meaning of a word, or expression, before starting to build up an argument. In my last letter I gave the definition of the word "education" as "the training of the mind."

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SPORTING.

The Calendar.

Wednesday, March 16.

Volleyballing.—Maxim gun drill, Artillery units; lacrosse drill and rifle exercises for recruits; 6 p.m., Headquarters.

Volleyballing.—Technical instruction for Engineer Co. at West Fort, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 17.

Volleyballing.—Maxim gun drill, Quarry Bay, 5.15 p.m.

Football.

By the kind courtesy of the Hongkong Football Club, the final of the Lusitano Recreation Club inter-club competition will be played on the above Club ground on Wednesday, 15th instants. Kick off at 4.45 p.m. The following are the teams:—

Mr. Britto's team—A. A. Carvalho, goal; J. M. Britto (Capt), E. A. Manzo, Back; F. J. Darratto, J. R. Gutierrez, R. M. O. Remedios, Half-backs; J. F. Castro, R. A. Carvalho, H. A. Lyndman, C. M. C. V. Ribeiro, H. A. Castro, Forward.

Rosa's team: C. A. C. Rodrigues, goal; T. Cordeiro, A. A. Gutierrez, back; C. E. Lopes, P. da Rosa (Capt), J. H. Lawrence, Half-backs; Alf. F. Remedios, P. A. Yanovich, J. A. Yanovich, A. J. Baptista, A. G. da Rocha.

Lawn Bowls.

In connection with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club the following sub-committees and league delegates were appointed on Monday evening:—Messrs J. M. Henderson and J. Macdonald, green committee; Messrs D. Harvey, T. Fennie and P. E. Nye sports and entertainment committee; Messrs T. Ramsay and T. Potts were appointed delegates of the Club for the proposed Bowling League and also for the Open Championship of 1910.

Lawn Tennis.

The latest results in the Hongkong C.C. tennis tournament are:—

Professional Pair—Worcester and Carr beat Davidson and Johnson 6/0, 6/1; W. Worcester and E. Carr beat W. A. Davidson and J. Carr 7/5, 7/5; Harris and Wilson beat Pearce and Claxton 6/0, 6/2; Barrow and Elborough scratched to Whyte and Brizley.

A. C. C. Singles—T. H. King (over 5/6) beat C. G. Addison 7/5, 6/1; R. Beattie (over 1/6) beat W. A. Davidson (over 4/6) 6/3, 6/2; A. R. Sutherland (over 2/6) beat H. H. Hancock (over 3/2) 6/4, 6/2; R. F. C. Mace (over 1/4) beat H. S. Sweeting (over 3/8) 6/2, 6/1; I. E. C. S. Sutherland (over 1/4) beat P. J. W. Davidson (over 3/8) 6/2, 6/1; P. H. McCarty (over 4/8) beat H. E. Egert (over 4/8) 7/5, 6/8.

Fido.

HONGKONG AGAIN DEFEAT MANILA.

The second polo match between Hongkong and Manila today, played off on the Hongkong Polo Club ground yesterday afternoon, resulted in a victory for the Hongkong team.

For their defence is now Philippines. On this occasion the game was played under American rules, but after the third chukka the Hongkong players always took the winning and in the end the score was 6 goals to 2, Manila being deprived of half a goal as the result of a foul. Again a large crowd of spectators was present. Major General Broadwood was referee and the teams were:—

Hongkong:—No. 1, Lieut. Green; No. 2, Capt. Bell; No. 3, Mr. Davidson; No. 4, Mr. J. Johnston.

Manila:—No. 1, Capt. Mitchell; No. 2, Lieut. Swift; No. 3, Mr. Bowditch; No. 4, Lieut. Armstrong.

Green set the game off with a good hit but the Manila men came up strongly and just missed scoring. In subsequent proceedings Johnston played a clever game, clearing from the goal mouth, but the Americans again came with a rush and Mitchell beat the difficulty in opening the score. Hongkong then rallied and Green had a fine opening which he failed to put to advantage.

Johnston, however, riding strongly, slipped under his horse, but the ball was between the posts. From now to the end of the chukka Manila had the better of changes but the score still remained 1-1.

The second chukka produced no goals. One Mitchell was conspicuous for a good score. Then Bell missed a shot, but the ball was a "rubbish" wide of the posts. Davidson, nicely broke away later on and looked like getting through but he was hauled up when near goal. Manila were often dangerous but could not finish well.

Chukka No. 3 opened with a capital rush by the home men but nothing came of it. Bell saved a nasty position at the other end. The Americans kept up the pressure, however, and in the end Howard got through but the score only counted half a goal on account of Green having been improperly crossed. Both teams tried hard to improve their positions but at the end of the period the score was:—Manila, 1; Hongkong, 1.

Early in the fourth chukka Green scored a praiseworthy effort, but the Manila defence prevailed. As the result of a miss by Johnston the visiting players scrambled off and Bowditch was nearly a hit for goal. Armstrong in endeavouring to save could only bring the ball to stand still in the goal mouth for Davidson to come up and hit through. Very good afterwards Hongkong again broke away and Johnston scored a beautiful goal from a neat forward angle. With this score 3 to 1 in favour of the home side this chukka ended.

The fifth chukka had not long been in progress when Hongkong again rallied. Johnston came away and then left the ball for Bell, who drove at goal. A Manila man stopped it, but Johnston was in close attendance and he added another of his characteristically pretty goals. At the other end Johnston did valuable work when Bowditch seemed sure to score. Then Hongkong gave more trouble to their opponents, Davidson troubling a hit by making the score 5 to 1.

The last chukka was interesting for goal play by both sides. In the early part Bell missed a shot, when, hotly pressed, Armstrong clearing from an almost impossible angle. The Americans did not long hold their improved position for a minute later Johnston came through on his own and easily made the score 6 to 2. There was capital attempt by both sides subsequently, but no more scoring took place.

Gymnastics.

On Monday evening a competition was held at the Volunteer Headquarters by the St. Andrew's, Kowloon, Gymnastic Club for a medal presented by the Instructor, the Rev. H. O. Spink. Mr. Biden kindly acted as judge. Exercises on the parallel bars, horse and ladder were carried out and O. W. Webb was first with 62 points, I. Chunyat second with 51, and S. Baker third with 48.

Football Notes.

As was anticipated, the meeting of Naval Yard and the St. Andrews in the final of the Shield Competition produced a titanic struggle. In spite of the fact that the ball was kept in motion for no less than two hours not a single valid goal was scored. From the very commencement up to the cessation of hostilities the game was vigorously fought, neither side giving quarter to its opponents.

It was one of those games so full of brilliant work by both teams that praise could be rightly lavished all round, though of course there were players more often in the picture than others and phases of the game justifying special laudation. Those who were in a match beautiful of incident and liberally spiced with exciting dashes surely had their full on Saturday.

Which was the better all-round team? There will be those who would give the palm to the Naval Yard and others who would with equal confidence award it to the St. Andrews. But after reviewing the general trend of the contest and comparing the sides departmentally I should have no hesitation in giving chief honours to the soldiers.

Compare the amount of work which fell to the Naval Yard captain with that which his side was called upon to perform. Where the Naval Yard was once or twice seriously troubled Ryall was almost continuously in difficulties. True, such a state of affairs does not necessarily imply a marked disparity in merit, for in weighing up the good work accomplished in such conditions due and sufficient credit must be given a defence which, in spite of constant pressure, comes out on top.

There are those indeed who will argue that as the great aim of every team is to score goals, the fact that neither is able to attain the desired end is, *prima facie*, an indication that, side for side, there is no variation in the sum total of merit. Into these niceties, however, I do not intend to enter. In this instance the Bulls undoubtedly claimed the larger share of the play, and although both eleven encountered difficulty in attack, the soldiers were certainly his harder in this respect, though the Naval Yard was the better in fact in the period of extra time played.

Time and again the soldiers were hit but through and that shot of Brewster's which found the under part of the cross-bar certainly deserved better luck for, as it were, he had stopped the ball from where he was. It was quite refreshing to see the Bulls putting such good finish to their movements after the recent habit they had got into of dilly-dallying about. They generally went and for goal, in individual cases were encouraged and the fact that they failed to score was certainly not their fault.

To my mind the biggest advantage enjoyed by the soldiers on Saturday was the comparative ease and emphasis with which I wish to admit the good work done by the Naval Yard—it was, I say, the comparative ease with which the Naval Yard's halves which gave the opposing quarter their opportunities. In the last division, too, the Bulls were superior.

To say that the weak spot of the Naval Yard was the half-back division does not imply all round condemnation of that line. Brown at centre was a brilliant exception and his pretty feeding work was only excelled by the manner in which he supported the wily pivot of the Bulls' front row. The other two men, however, cannot compare with the men occupying respectively similar positions on the other side. Wren, too, was in No. 1 form.

In making other comparisons both contestants must be specially commended. The military man had not the same opportunities of shining as did the naval keeper, but when he did, as in the case of Brown and solid work. Ryall's goal-keeping was the one outstanding feature of the game. He was impossible. No matter how many, in what direction, by whom and with what force, the shots rained in, he was equal to all tests—even to the negotiation of a penalty kick. Without lapsing from strict fact he may be described as the saviour of his side. Of the four backs Cioke stood out head and shoulders above the others. He kicked a fine length, generally judiciously placed the leather and certainly knew how to use his right. Every time he had no blunders, and save for a rather rocky opening in the second moiety both Naval Yard men did well, especially towards the end.

Both sets of forwards bubbled full of life and energy. But as for the latter, the Yards might claim a little advantage. It was in the utilising of their skill, however, that they made a poorer show—selfishness was too often displayed, particularly by Reid and Sullivan, whose unbroken concentration was a better far more useful to the side did they but accustom themselves to part with the ball often. Watkins and Wilks played far better together. Of the Bulls Brewster shone brilliantly. As usual, he worked like a soldier, while his shots were generally formidable things to face, as Ryall must surely know. Ryan also did a lot of conscientious work.

THE CELL.

The King has presented the skeleton of his famous horse Perimeter to the Natural History Museum, at South Kensington.

While at the Sandringham stud Perimeter was a little over a year ago fractured his pelvis, and it was impossible to save him. He was a horse of the highest class, and outside his old box at Sandringham is a brass plate commemorating his seven victories, which amounted in value to £34,706. His earnings at the stud from 1899 down to the time of his death must have averaged £10,000 a season, if not more, and he supplied the turf with the public old Sops.

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Shipping.

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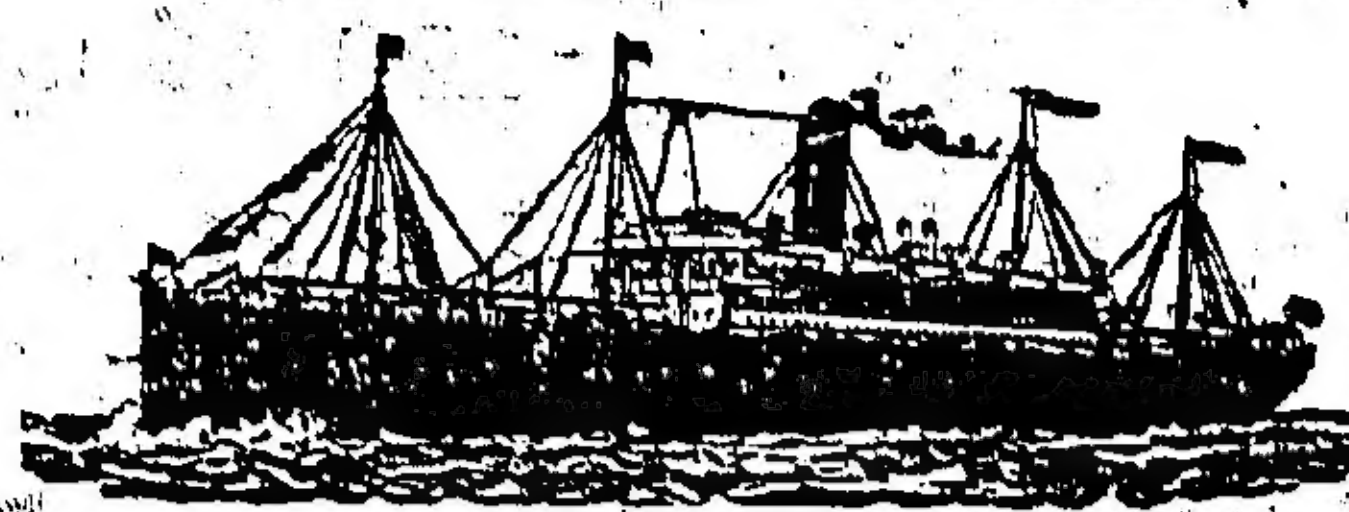
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IRELAND'S PRESENT ASPIRATIONS.

Sir Henry Blake on the Vanishing Demand for Home Rule.

Sir Henry Blake, who started his official career in the Royal Irish Constabulary, then passed into the service of the Colonial Office, becoming Governor respectively of Hongkong, Ceylon and Jamaica, has written a letter to the Times from Myrtle Grove, Youghal, which possesses a good deal of interest at the present moment. Our former Governor says:—

Sir,—In his letter appearing in The Times of the 1st inst., Sir West Ridgeway assumes that the Ireland of to-day is the Ireland of the days when he held the office of Under-Secretary; that it is futile to expect that Mr. Redmond's party will oppose the Budget and, therefore, that until the Free Trade northern districts of England, with Scotland and Wales, are converted to Tariff Reform will be impossible without the risk of something like civil war.

To those who, like myself, have returned to Ireland after an absence of a quarter of a century, the difference in the temper and aspirations of the Irish people is very apparent, and that difference has become articulated by the election of Mr. O'Brien and his following of Independent Nationalists, who have cast off the bonds of American whiggery and emerge as a party no longer dependent upon Irish-American subscriptions.

Sir West Ridgeway states that the reason of this party is its invincible hatred of England. In this assumption he is mistaken. It is probable that, in common with, unfortunately, a considerable number of Irish people of all classes, Mr. O'Brien and his party are animated by dislike of England, whose Liberal Government during 30 years have displayed a feebleness in Irish policy that has created contempt on one hand and something akin to despair on the other; but the declared policy of Mr. O'Brien is primarily to secure that the arrangement made by the Irish Land Act of 1903 shall be adhered to so that the land purchase that has for better or for worse been decided to be necessary for Ireland's peace shall not be stayed, as it must be under the provisions of the Act of last Session. He desires to heal the wounds of the sectarian and class war of 30 years, and to induce, if possible, the landlords who have sold their properties to remain in the country where their presence, if they spend the income of their purchase money, may to some extent counteract the depletion of 200 millions sterling that must within 50 years be paid over to an absentee creditor in the shape of the British Treasury—a drain that if not compensated in some way must ultimately lead Ireland to pauperism.

Sir West Ridgeway also assumes that Mr. Redmond's party will support the Budget in return for a Home Rule measure that will satisfy their demands. Mr. Redmond is, however, in a critical position. The Irish farmers heartily desire Protection, and are, therefore, warmly in favour of Tariff Reform. They have not yet fully realized the effect of sections 7 and 8 of the late Finance Bill upon the farmer owing over 50 acres who, having purchased his holding, desires to sell his interest; but the knowledge is spreading, and those clauses, with the largely-increased duties on spirits that must seriously affect the growers of barley and oats, have excited bitter resentment. If Mr. Redmond does not oppose them he will have to face an irate people, with consequences that may lead to the ultimate benefit of Ireland.

Lord and brave as platform speech may be, the truth is that the farmers of Ireland do not want Home Rule. It is a term that requires definition, and the definitions given by Mr. Redmond and other Irish Nationalist speakers on different sides of the Atlantic are so varied as to suit all palates. Ireland enjoys at present local county and municipal government as fully and freely as England, Scotland, or Wales, with one exception, that the constabulary force is controlled by the Government and paid by the British Treasury. The Home Rule of the extremists is for an Ireland as a separate nation; that of the Bill passed by the House of Commons, but rejected by the British people in 1893, gave to the Irish Parliament less power than that enjoyed by any one of our Crown Colonies; the measure so contemptuously rejected by the Nationalist Convention in Dublin last year contemplated a central body, with the elected element selected from the various county councils; but it is probable that any Home Rule measure creating a Parliament in Dublin will involve the payment of all Irish charges from taxes to be raised by the new Irish Government, including the money paid for old-age pensions, while the position of the Imperial Government as the guarantor of the Irish Land stock would have to be reconsidered. That such a measure would be financially disastrous to Ireland will be apparent if it be brought forward and fully debated, and with the knowledge of what the Irish people would lose will come the realization of the financial folly of the proposal.

The portion of Sir West Ridgeway's letter dealing with the House of Lords contains, it appears to me, a misapprehension of the attitude of the House as to the control of finance by the House of Commons. The Bill was rejected on grounds apart from finance. Probably the House of Lords may adopt reform from within, but, however the decision is reached, it may be, it is the oldest second Chamber in the world, and has done its work so as to command the confidence of the Empire at large. Those who now speak so confidently of its destruction will find that, unlike the walls of Jericho, it will not fall before the blast of the brass trumpet that have been blown upon so many platforms in the hurry-burry of the past month.

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KOBÉ	CHYANG	SUNDAY, Mar. 20	Daylight
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